

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A positioning structure comprising:
a main member;
a boss upstanding from the main member, the boss having a positioning section; and
a plurality of members to be pierced each having a through hole through which the boss is inserted whereby the members to be pierced are stacked and fixed and the main member and the members to be pierced are relatively positioned to each other,
wherein the positioning section positions the members to be pierced to predetermined positions along an inserting direction of the boss, respectively.
2. (original): The positioning structure according to claim 1, wherein the positioning section is configured by a plurality of steps which are disposed by forming the boss into a shape that is stepwise tapered as advancing toward a tip end.
3. (currently amended): The positioning structure according to claim 2, wherein,
~~with respect to a widths of each of the steps of the boss in a direction perpendicular to the inserting direction, are equal to minimum inner dimensions of the through holes of the members to be pierced corresponding to placement positions of the members to be pierced, respectively.~~

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4. (currently amended): The positioning structure according to claim 2, wherein vertical gap dimensions between the steps in the inserting direction correspond to thickness of the members to be pierced, respectively.

5. (currently amended): The positioning structure according to claim 1, wherein the boss is formed into a shape that is continuously tapered as advancing toward a tip end, and, ~~with respect to a width~~ of the boss in a direction perpendicular to the inserting direction, are equal to minimum inner dimensions of the through holes of the members ~~to be pierced~~ corresponding to placement positions ~~of the members to be pierced~~, respectively.

6. (new): The positioning structure according to claim 1, wherein the positioning section comprises at least one support face that extends substantially perpendicularly to the inserting direction and supports the member to be pierced.